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July 25, 2008

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Attn: Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer
Room 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Honorable Members:

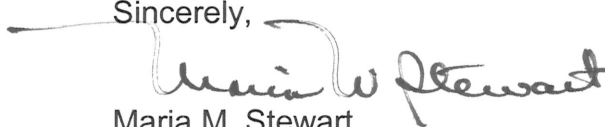
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It is respectfully requested that this resolution be considered at the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County, pursuant to California Election Code Sections 10400, 10401, and 10403.

Sincerely,



Maria M. Stewart,
City Clerk, CMC

Enclosure

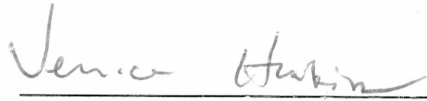
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I, Vernice Hankins, Staff Assistant to the City Clerk of the City of Santa Monica, do hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 10333 (CCS) which is on file in the City Clerk's Department, and that I have carefully compared the same with the original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Santa Monica, this 24th day of July, 2008.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Vernice Hankins", written in dark ink. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

Vernice Hankins
Staff Assistant III, City Clerk's Office
City of Santa Monica

RESOLUTION NUMBER 10333 (CCS)

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WHEREAS, the City of Santa Monica currently levies a Utility Users' Tax
("UUT"); and

WHEREAS, since 1969, the residents of Santa Monica have paid a UUT
on telephone services; and

WHEREAS, over the past 39 years, communications technology has changed
and voter approval is necessary for any updates to the UUT; and

WHEREAS, to keep pace with technology advances, the City must modernize its
UUT language and ratify the existing rate – with no rate increase – so all taxpayers are
treated the same regardless of the technology used today; and

WHEREAS, the City depends on the telecommunications portion of the
tax to fund essential city services; and

WHEREAS, the telecommunications portion of the UUT provides approximately \$12 million of support for programs and services that are important to Santa Monica residents and the community; and

WHEREAS, revenues from the UUT are used to fund City services like after school and summer programs for Santa Monica youth, neighborhood police patrols, the domestic violence programs and 9-1-1 emergency response and paramedic services, parks and recreation, police, and fire services; and

WHEREAS, many residents live in Santa Monica because it offers a higher level of service, programs and quality of life than neighboring cities and the UUT is an important revenue source and preserving it will ensure that our City can maintain and improve the high quality of public safety, parks and recreation programs and progressive programs that is expected; and

WHEREAS, the measure updates the law without any increase to the existing tax rate; and

WHEREAS, existing protections that exempt low-income seniors and disabled residents from paying the UUT will remain in place; and

WHEREAS, all city revenues are subject to annual independent audits with public review of the Budget being available on-line and at the library; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2008, the City Council adopted a Resolution calling for and giving notice of a General Municipal Election on November 4, 2008; and

WHEREAS, California Elections Code Section 9222 authorizes the governing body of a city to place a proposed ordinance on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Santa Monica wishes to place the following proposition amending Chapter 6.72 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code on the ballot at the General Municipal Election to be held on November 4, 2008,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA DOES RESOLVE AND PROCLAIM AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. A General Municipal Election has been called for or November 4, 2008, for the purpose, among other things, of submitting measures and ballot propositions to the voters.

SECTION 2. At the General Municipal Election called for November 4, 2008, the following initiative proposition shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Santa Monica:

<i>PROPOSITION " "</i> : Shall an ordinance be adopted to continue and update Santa Monica's Utilities Tax on telecommunication services to fund City activities including police, fire, paramedic and emergency services, school and afterschool programs, gang and drug prevention programs, parks and recreation programs, environmental protection and other general fund services, with tax-exemptions for low-income seniors and disabled residents, with provisions ensuring equal treatment of taxpayers regardless of technology used, and with expenditures subject to independent annual audits?"	Yes
	No

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall transmit to the City Attorney, in accordance with Elections Code Section 9280, a copy of the initiative measure. The City Attorney shall prepare an impartial analysis of it, which analysis shall not exceed 500 words in length each. The impartial analysis shall be filed by the date set by the City Clerk for the filing of primary arguments. In accordance with Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 11.04.190 and California Elections Code Section 9295, not less than 10 calendar days before the City Clerk submits the official election materials for printing, the City Clerk shall make a copy of all applicable elections materials available for public examination in the City Clerk's office.

SECTION 4. The City Council authorizes its members, as follows, to file written arguments for or against the measure described above and which is contained in Exhibit 1 to this Resolution, which Exhibit is incorporated by reference herein:

FOR: _____
AGAINST: _____


All written arguments filed by any person in favor of or against any measure, including any rebuttal arguments, shall be accompanied by the names and signatures of the persons submitting the argument as required by applicable law, and any names, signatures and arguments may be filed until the time and date fixed by the City Clerk in accordance with applicable law, after which no change may be submitted to the City Clerk unless permitted by law.

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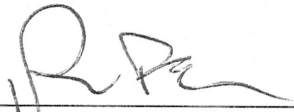
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SECTION 7. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution, and
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:


MARSHA JONES MOUTRIE
City Attorney

Adopted and approved this 23rd day of July, 2008.



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I, Maria Stewart, City Clerk of the City of Santa Monica, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 10333 (CCS) was duly adopted at a meeting of the Santa Monica City Council held on the 23rd day of July, 2008, by the following vote:

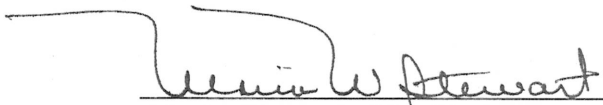
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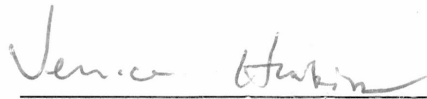
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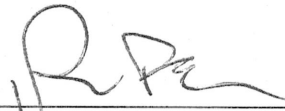
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